

Unsung Duxbury

Duxbury Clipper

Unsung Duxbury is a continuing series profiling the work of Duxbury's unsung town employees. If you know a deserving nominee, please drop a line to editor@duxburyclipper.com

Name: Bruce O'Neill

Position: Acting operations director, highway foreman

How long have you worked for the Town: It will be ten years on August 16.

Where do you live: Pembroke

What did you do before working here: Most recently I worked for a wholesale fence supply company for ten years. Before that, I was in the home improvement business.



What do you like most about your job: It always results in something positive. We continually repair, replace, or improve parts of the town's infrastructure. Whether it is street sweeping, patching potholes, paving roads, or picking up litter, it's always an improvement. Duxbury is a beautiful and historic town and there's job satisfaction in knowing the DPW helps to keep it that way.



What's the biggest challenge: Snow and ice season: working to keep the roads safe through the winter. This past season I called the Highway

Department in to work 36 additional times on top of our regular hours. This was usually in the middle of the night. It's not easy being available 24/7 for three months of the year. It puts quite a damper on your personal life. The whole crew deserves a lot of credit. They do their jobs well and that makes my job easier. I appreciate the confidence the town manager has in me to fill in during the operation manager's absence.

What do you like to do in your free time: I spend a lot of time working around the house and yard. I like riding motorcycles, attending car shows, walking my dog, and spending time with friends.

Favorite books or movies: The most recent book I read is also the shortest book I've ever read, "The One Minute Manager." It shows how to manage your encounters with people in such a way that everyone benefits. It's a very good book.